

**Farmingville, NY** – This year the Town of Brookhaven Youth Bureau's INTERFACE Thanksgiving Food Drive provided more families in need with hearty Thanksgiving meals than it ever has before. Through the drive 942 families and a total of 3,912 people in need in Brookhaven Town received a Thanksgiving Day meal. Last year the drive provided Thanksgiving meals to 823 families in need.

"When provided with an opportunity, Brookhaven residents always rise to the challenge of helping those in need in our local communities," Supervisor Edward P. Romaine said. "Through so many contributions from residents, local businesses, local school districts and the Brookhaven Volunteer Youth Board, almost a thousand families were able to enjoy a nutritious Thanksgiving meal. I want to thank everyone for their heartwarming donations and thank our Brookhaven Youth Bureau for what they do year-round to benefit youth and families in Brookhaven Town."

Councilman Michael Loguercio said, "These meals not only provided families in need with a Thanksgiving Day meal, they also let individuals who are experiencing difficult times know there are people in their community who care about them. As the Town Board Liaison to the Youth Bureau, it is very gratifying to know we are making a difference in resident's lives."

Pictured left to right are: Christmas Elf Yolanda Mears, INTERFACE Program Coordinator Josephine Lunde, Supervisor Edward P. Romaine and Housing and Human Services Commissioner Alison Karppi.

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